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25 St. Botolph St.,
Back Bay.

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Anc. Numismatist Society
Gentlemen;

I am just an amateur collector of old paper money of the U. S. which comprises Broken Bank notes, and the notes of the Confederacy and other Southern States, which were issued during, and previous to the Civil War.

I happened to develop this "hobby" a couple of years back while recuperating from a rather bad accident, and in the meantime happened to become interested in this

"hobby" as a pastime during
the monotonous process of
convalescing, consequently,
the "hobby" has grown rather
than diminished, due perhaps
more to the fact that I have
been duped very frequently by
so called numismatists
and curio dealers, who are
not over scrupulous in
palming off ~~admirable~~ spurious and
poor imitations at an
extortionate price.

I must confess I get badly
stuck by such fellows at
times, and have spent rather
more than I can very well
afford, and ~~have not~~ ^{hesitate} to go
much deeper, as my income is
not equal to it, as I am but
an ordinary laborer.

Now I would, beg to ask
your advice in the way
of proceeding to acquire such
material at fairly reasonable
rates, and in good condition.
I just blundered into a
"hobby" and got stuck many
times, since I have no system,
and do not know the ^{real} value
of what I buy.

Now that I have learned
a little in this line, I am
more than ordinarily interested
in the "hobby", but am ignorant
of knowing in ~~where~~, and in
what directions to procure this
material independent of
those fellows, in order to make
up an amateur's collection.
Numismatists and curio dealers,
as I have experienced them as
"sharks".

Please find stamp enclosed
for reply at your convenience
and oblige yours truly
H. Hagen.

P. S. several months ago I sent to
Treasury Bureau to inquire if they had any
of those old samples of the Confederacy laid
away as souvenirs, as I was given to suppose
they might from an historical stand
point, but I could not get anything
from them, other than that the U. S.
Treasury was only interested in their own
currency.

May 8th, 1928.

Mr. H. Hagen,
28 St. Botolph St.,
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Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter concerning your hobby of paper money: I think the best procedure for you, would be to get acquainted with some of the collectors of paper money. Mr. John LaBlanc, 6 Woodlawn Avenue, Mattapan, you will probably find him of much help to you

George T. Hart, 93 Moulton Street, West Lynn, is an old-time collector.

Mr. H.D. Allen, who use to have a notion store at 8 Winter Street, Boston, was at one time, much interested in Confederate Notes.

Morgan H. Stafford, 343 Cabot St., Newtonville, Mass., I understand is a collector of paper money.

John E. Morse, 12 Middle St., Hadley, Mass., is both a collector and dealer in paper money, as is D.C. Wimmer, Hatfield, Penn.

If you get in touch with some, or all of these, I think it will be to your profit.

Very truly yours,

Curator.